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Schemes for Senior Citizens
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens along with the names of the implementing Agencies/NGOs, State-wise;

(b) the funds released by the Government to the States particularly Uttar Pradesh under these schemes and funds actually utilised during the last three years, scheme and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from various States for grant of more funds, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise; and

(d) the number of old age homes functioning in each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a) This Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) under which grants-in-aid are given for running and maintenance of inter alia, Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units, Multi Facility Care Centre for Older Widows etc. The main objective of the Scheme is to improve the quality of life of Older Persons by providing basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and entertainment opportunities etc. Implementing agencies eligible for assistance under the Scheme are Panchayati Raj Institutions/Local Bodies, Non-Governmental Voluntary Organizations, Institutions or Organizations set up by Government as autonomous/subordinate bodies, Government Recognized Educational Institutions, Charitable Hospitals/Nursing Homes, and Recognized Youth Organizations such as Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sanghathan (NYKS) and in exceptional cases the State Governments/UT administrations. Names of implementing Agencies/ NGOs under IPOP is at Annexure-I.

As per information received from Ministry of Rural Development old age pension is provided under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme(IGNOAPS) to the persons belonging to below poverty line(BPL) household only. Under the scheme Rs.200/- per month (pm) is provided to the persons of age 60-79 years and Rs.500/- is provided in the age of 80 years or more. IGNOAPS is implemented by the States/UTs. The funds has been allocated/released to the States/UTs under the scheme on the basis of estimated/ceiling number of beneficiaries or digitized number of beneficiaries by the States, whichever is less.

As per information received from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare the Ministry had launched "National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly" (NPHCE) during 2010-11 to address various health related problems of elderly people. The major objectives of the NPHCE are establishment of Department of Geriatric in identified Medical Institutions as Regional Geriatric Centres for different regions of the country and to provide dedicated health facilities in District Hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Sub-Centres (SCs) levels through State Health Society. Following facilities are being provided under the Programme:
â€¢ Geriatric OPD, 30 bedded Geriatric ward for in-patient care, etc at Regional Geriatric Centres.
â€¢ Geriatric OPD and 10 bedded Geriatric Ward at District Hospitals.
â€¢ Bi-weekly Geriatric Clinic at Community Health Centres (CHCs)
â€¢ Weekly Geriatric Clinic at Primary Health Centre (PHCs).
Provision of Aids and Appliances at Sub-centres.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is also implementing the 'Senior Citizens' Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS)' for Senior Citizens of age 60 years and above, belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and 11 other categories of Unorganized Workers (MNREGA Workers, Construction Workers, Domestic Workers, Sanitation Workers, Mine Workers, licensed Railway Porters, Street Vendors, Beedi Workers, Rickshaw Pullers, Rag Pickers and Auto/ Taxi Drivers) w.e.f. 01.04.2016 as top up of 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY)'. The Health coverage is upto Rs. 30,000/- per annum per senior citizen for treatment packages, over and above RSBY entitlement. At present SCHIS is being implemented in 8 states namely Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and West Bengal. The State Governments are responsible for the implementation of the Scheme.
(b)The details of funds released to implementing Agencies and utilized in each State/ UT, including Uttar Pradesh, during last three years under the Scheme of IPOP are at Annexure-II. Details of funds released under IGNOAPS are at Annexure-III. Details of funds released under NPHCE are at Annexure-IV. The details of funds released under RSBY during the last three years are at Annexure-V. No funds have been released to State Governments implementing SCHIS until now. At present RSBY is not being implemented by State Government of Uttar Pradesh. RSBY was implemented in Uttar Pradesh until 30.09.2015 and Rs. 48.38 crore has been released to Uttar Pradesh during Financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16.
(c) No, Madam. However, the release of Grants in aid to Non-Governmental Organisations / Voluntary Organisations is dependent on

the recommendations and forwarding of proposals by the State Governments as per the norms and guidelines of the Scheme of IPOP subject to completeness of proposals in all respects.
(d) State wise list of Old Age Homes receiving grants under IPOP Scheme is at Annexure-VI.

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